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APPEAL TO FARMERS

The Necessity to Grow More Food Stuff Emphasized

The committee appointed by the mass meeting at the court house last Monday night to prepare an appeal to the farmers of Carroll county present the following:

In view of the serious shortage of food stuffs now confronting our people it is imperative that we do something to remedy the present state of affairs. The situation is critical. Carroll county is not growing enough food stuffs to supply the needs of her own people and their live stock. The merchants of this county have been selling for man and beast to those who could and should be producing enough and to spare.

Now we are approaching a time when the commercial stock of these commodities is running low. Corn and flour and beans have doubled in price and already jobbers are considering not the price of food stuffs, but whether or not they can be obtained at any price.

Carroll county must feed herself and others this year; we must grow more corn and hay and vegetables than we have ever grown before. Prevailing prices justify this action and necessity demands it. It is not good business to grow cotton this year with the expectation of selling it to obtain money with which to purchase food stuffs. These articles have advanced in price until cotton must bring 30 cents a pound next year in order to have as great purchasing power as it had this year at 20 cents.

But the most important consideration is the prospect that these articles will not be available at any price next year unless we grow them here at home.

In view of these conditions farmers are urged to utilize every available acre, every available horse and hand and all the time possible toward the production of articles of food. Every farmer should plant at least five additional acres of corn this year and all the beans, potatoes and other vegetables he can grow.

Our president has appealed to us to do these things for the sake of our country and for the sake of the cause for which we are now at war. It is the patriotic thing to do and it is the profitable thing to do. There seems to be no danger whatever of an over supply to cause a slump in prices. The lands across the sea are devastated and they are anxious to buy all we can spare. Now is the farmers' opportunity to render a valuable service to his country and at the same time to make more money by growing a greater variety of crops with special emphasis on the production of food for men and animals.

By THE COMMITTEE.

BI-COUNTY W. C. T. U.

Carroll-Weakley Annual Meeting at Sharon

The second annual convention of the Carroll-Weakley Bi-County W.C.T.U. (thirteenth Carroll county convention) was held at Sharon last week, beginning Wednesday night and continuing Thursday.

Mrs. Lem G. Gilreath, who is speaking in the interest of the W. C. T. U. in this section of the state, was present and delivered the main address Wednesday night. She also addressed the convention Thursday morning.

While a number, who were on the program, could not be present, yet an interesting program was had. Carroll county was represented on the program by Mrs. C. C. Hines, who spoke concerning the Union Signal; Miss Margaret

Hines, who was one of the contestants for the gold medal; Mrs. Bertie Honea, discussing Flower Mission, and Mrs. Ella Brooks discussing Sabbath Observance.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Grace Williams Robins, McKenzie, president; Mrs. I. W. Stoker, Martin, vice-president; Mrs. Minnie Kerr Gilbert, Huntington, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Lillian Gray, Martin, recording secretary; Mrs. Allie Tansel, Sharon, treasurer. The superintendents of departments were elected as follows: Y. P. B., Mrs. Grace Williams Robins, McKenzie; Sabbath Observance, Mrs. Ella Brooks, Atwood; Social Meetings and Red Letter Days, Mrs. John West, Greenfield; Christian Citizenship, Mrs. Mary Edwards, Sharon; Co-operation with Missionary Societies, Mrs. I. W. Stoker, Martin; Evangelistic, Mrs. Eva Chandler, Dresden; Literature, Mrs. Fannie Estes, Mt. Vernon, (r.f.d. Sharon); Scientific Temperance Instruction, Miss E. Love Hawkins, Huntington; Union Signal, Mrs. W. W. Murray, Huntington; Temperance in Sunday Schools, Mrs. Linnie Roach, Atwood; Flower Mission, Mrs. Bettie Honea, McKenzie; Parliamentary Usage, Mrs. Florence Carter, McMoresville; Medical Temperance, Mrs. Ardie Hurdle, Trezevant; Mother's Meetings and Purity, Mrs. I. E. Lassiter, Martin; Medal Contests, Mrs. Gussie Holmes.

SALE OF LOTS

Large Crowd Attend Sale at Trezevant Saturday

The Hays Realty company put on a very successful sale of town lots in Trezevant last Saturday. One hundred and forty-nine lots were sold, bringing \$2,200.

Some months ago there was sold, through the court here, fifteen acres of land, lying back of the Trezevant school property, known as the old Abbott property, and bought in by the Hays Realty company. They divided the land into lots, advertised a sale, secured a brass band and made the occasion one of much attraction. A large crowd was in attendance and the bidding at times was rather spirited.

The sale of these lots will open up a new and very attractive residential section of the town.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

Citizens Discuss the Food Supply and Preparedness

A large crowd of the citizens of Huntingdon attended a mass meeting at the court house last Monday night to consider the food proposition and how best to conserve the supply now on hand. Prof. J. H. Bayer acted as chairman and Superintendent D. T. Barnhill was secretary.

Several patriotic speeches and interesting talks were made, treating on the food supply and the duties of our citizens under present and approaching war conditions. The talks were timely and presented to the consideration of our people some food for thought. The citizens of Huntingdon were advised to grow all the garden truck possible and to co-operate with the farmers of this community and to encourage the growing of food crops.

It was also suggested that all available vacant lots in the town be converted into garden plots and cultivated by the citizens, and that every aid possible be furnished along this line.

It was suggested that a general mass meeting be held at the court house Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock to which the farmers of this community be encouraged to attend and participate to the end that a more correct understanding of the seriousness of the situation that confronts the country may be brought about, and when the meeting adjourned it adjourned to that date.

A committee composed of A. M. Lee, J. Sam Johnson, C. H. Moody and D. T. Barnhill was appointed to prepare and have published an appeal to the farmers of the county. This appeal appears in another column of this paper.

Sunday School Convention

The West Tennessee Baptist Sunday school convention and its auxiliary body, the Woman's Missionary Union of West Tennessee, met with the First Baptist church of Ripley this week, when a most interesting program was carried out. This convention is always largely attended and brings together some of the best speakers and Sunday school workers in the state.

AID TO ROADS

Quarterly Court Holds Interesting Adjourned Session

An adjourned session of the quarterly court was held last Monday to consider the road question. A full attendance of the bench was present and a very interesting session was held.

The new road law was taken up for consideration and after some discussion the court decided not to go under its operation until the first of the year, 1918, and the county will continue to work the roads under the old law for the remainder of this year.

The resolution introduced at the former session of the court, providing for the working of the roads on the co-operative plan, brought about some pretty lively discussions. A motion to table the resolution failed.

The resolution was then taken up and discussed on its merits. The proposition provided that where a community would appropriate money to be spent on the public roads that the county would appropriate a like sum.

The resolution was so amended as to limit the sum to be expended in any one district to not more than \$100, and was then passed. It is possible under this plan to secure \$4,800 for work on the roads, one-half of which will be paid by the county.

BIG FOOD DRIVE

President Wilson Issues Food Plea to Farmers

The following proclamation has been issued by President Wilson: "At the present moment it is our plain duty to take adequate steps that we may, if possible, answer the call for food of other nations now at war. In this greatest of human needs I feel that the American farmer will do his part to the uttermost.

"By planting and increasing his production in every way possible, every farmer will perform a labor of patriotism for which he will be recognized as a soldier of the commissary, adding his share to the food supply of the people.

"WOODROW WILSON."

Second only to the war with Germany is the concern of our nation about the food supply. All

lines of business are interested and are endeavoring to do something to relieve the situation. Meetings are being held with the purpose of inspiring the people with a desire to do everything that can be done to insure the growing of a big crop this year.

The president's proclamation is timely and should be seriously considered by every farmer in the country.

I. T. S. Again in Tie

The Grove High School of Paris and the I. T. S. played a slow game to a 7 to 7 tie last Saturday at the former place. The features of the game were the batting work of Odiam and Odiam and the foot-work of the Paris outfielders chasing down long drives, three of which came from the willow of "Ducky" Vickers for triples. Pap Bonds, the auburn-haired south paw, of Huntington, held the Grove boys to one hit during the three innings he pitched. The I. T. S. team, as a whole, played loose ball, making many unnecessary errors. The absence of Lancaster at second weakened the team to a considerable extent, however, he is improving and is expected to be back in the game in a few days.

I. T. S. plays McTyiere, of McKenzie, Saturday, April 21. A good game is expected.

Election Notice

We, the undersigned election commissioners for the County of Carroll, do hereby call an election to be held at the regular voting place in the Sixth district of Carroll County, Tennessee, for the purpose of electing a magistrate to fill out the unexpired term of S. V. Porter, resigned. The election is called to be held Saturday, May 12, 1917, and the following officers are appointed and authorized to hold said election and report the result to the election commissioners:

Officer, S. W. Shackelford; judges, Ben Richard, Shade Pearson and L. O. Spain; clerks, W. H. Woodall and H. B. McKinney. This April 18, 1917.

W. E. HALEY,
G. D. MCKENZIE,
J. W. WILLIAMS.

Misses Charlie Carnes Hilliard and Willie Lankford went to Paris Wednesday to see the Birth of a Nation.

THE NATION'S IDEALS

President Appeals to All People for Their Preservation

Fresh impetus was given to the nation-wide campaign for more food crops last Monday by President Wilson's plea for unity of action in furthering America's success in the world war.

The president appealed to all the people to join in making the nation a unit for the preservation of its ideals and for the triumph of democracy, but he laid emphasis on his words, urging the growers to concentrate their energies on the planting of food so that the United States might fulfill its task of feeding the armies and people who are fighting Germany.

To the southern farmer the president appealed earnestly that the high price of cotton be forgotten for the time and that abundant food crops also be planted.

"The southern farmer can show his patriotism in no better or more convincing way," he said, "than by helping, upon a great scale, to feed the nation and the peoples everywhere fighting for their liberties and our own. The variety of their crops will be the visible measure of their comprehension of their national duty.

"Without abundant food, alike for the armies and the peoples at war," the president said, "the whole great enterprise upon which we have embarked will fail. Upon the farmers of the country, therefore, in large measure rests the fate of the war and the fate of the nations."

The president regards the food question of really more immediate importance than the equipping of a great army or effective navy.

"We are rapidly putting our navy upon an effective war footing and are about to create and equip a great army, but these," he says, "are the simplest parts for the great task to which we have addressed ourselves. There is not a single selfish element, so far as I can see, in the cause we are fighting for. We are fighting for what we believe and wish to be the rights of mankind and for the future peace and security of the world. To do this great thing worthily and successfully we must devote ourselves to the service without regard to profit or material advantage and with an energy and intelligence that will raise to the level of the enterprise itself. We must realize to the full how great the task is and how many things, how many kinds and elements of capacity and service and self-sacrifice it involves.

"These, then, are the things we must do, and do well, besides fighting—the things without which mere fighting would be fruitless."

EXPENSES INCREASE

Appropriations for State Advances Over One Million

Increases in the general and miscellaneous appropriation bills by the Sixtieth General Assembly of Tennessee will total approximately \$1,250,000, according to figures just completed. Increases in salaries, office allowances, pension, clerk hire and per capita allowances were made right and left. Leaving out the per capita allowances for inmates of the state institutions, the general appropriation bill of 1917 carried a total appropriation of \$4,275,345, as against \$3,339,127.45 for the similar bill of 1915.

Through short term notes and new bond issues the state's bonded indebtedness was increased \$3,005,000, as follows: Normal schools \$625,000; University of Tennessee, \$1,000,000; repairs at the three hospitals for the insane, \$300,000; moving the boys' reformatory to the Herbert Domain, \$80,000; and \$1,000,000 to handle the state's floating indebtedness.

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